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Murderer Is Captured Near Olympia.

HE OFFERS NO RESISTANCE

Howling Mob Wants to Lynch the Criminal.

FOUND IN A DESERTED CABIN

Sheriff Orders Fugitive to Throw Up His Hands and He Comes Out Meek as a Lamb-Is Sorry for His Deed and Cries Like a Child.

Christ Benson, the murderer of Jaller Morrell, at Olympia last Sunday, was expressed last night, and is again in his

Benson was found in a deserted cabin two miles wast of town. He offered no statunge when caught.

A mob surrounded the jail, with loud cries of "Hang him! hang him!" but every precaution was taken against vio-

cried like a child. His wanderings tallled very well with newspaper reports. He has several times been in the hands of men looking

for him, but who let him go after looking at his face. He was in Tacoma half a day and then returned to Olympia.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 7 .- (Special)-Christ Benson, the murderer of Jailer Morrell, was captured tonight two miles west of town, and is now safely lodged in the steel cage of the Thurston County Jail. A half-dogen armed men patrol the jail ounds, and a deputy with a Winchester stands at the head of the narrow stairway leading to the second floor, where the steel cage is, and admits no one to the foot of the steps. At this hour, 9:30, a large crowd of men surrounds the jail, and there are frequent yells of "Hang

The first news of Benson's appearance st of town was telephoned to the Sheriff's office inte this evening. The first message was so jumbled that Deputy Faylor, who answered the telephone, did not understand its importance, and left for the locality alone. He reached the west side of town, and met a man coming on horseback, who told the news secretly. The deputy stopped only long enough to get Mills, and with the team on the m they soon reached a deserted cabin in which it was said Benson was located, and which was surrounded by five woodchoppers. Faylor was stationed at the window where Benson had broken into the cabin and Sheriff Mills stood at the front door with a double-barreled shotgun in hand. Throws Up His Hands.

Henson, with your hands "Come out, up." he demanded.

"I can't; the door is locked on the outside," came the reply from within.

Mills unlocked the door, threw it open and out walked no other than the muchught fugitive murderer, with hands held high in the air. He was immediately hurried to the carriage in waiting, and the team was headed for Olympia.

When Olympia was reached the horse were whipped to their utmost speed. They dashed through the town and toward the tail but the news spread like wildfire From every doorway men ran toward the tail shoting "Hang him! Hang him! The officers and prisoner heard the shouts and Benson ran up the steps of the jail, realizing that every second was valuable plane for President's tour in the Northwest. The heavy door was swung to, and in a few minutes a big dep- Murderer Benson is captured near Olympi uty with Winchester in hand stood on a narrow landing and admitted no one but a

few deputies and newspaper men. For half an hour Benson stood in the aln entrance of the jall where on last Sunday he had fired the first shot into Dave Morrell's body and talked to half a dozen newspaper men. He presented the most abject appearance. There was nothing about him that denoted the desperate eriminal. Tears roiled down his checks as he related his story, and sobs choked his breath. All the while the mob outside could be heard demanding admittance and that the prisoner be delivered over to

Benson was dressed according to the descriptions, but with disheveled appearance, wet clothes, unshaven and dirty face he would be hard to recognize from the pictures that have been published of him. Between his sobs Bensen admitted the whole murder to the men surrounding him, and in doing so endeavored to implicate three other prisoners in a plot to

For over a week, says Benson, the men had talked of escape. Last Sunday Clarke, the murderer of Lein Page, and Brudley and Green, two prisoners in for streeny, and Benson evolved a plan. They drew lots to see which should strike the jailer on the head, secure the keys F. V. Holman writes on Portland as a rose city. and let the other prisoners out.

He Drew the Shortest Straw. The man who drew the shortest straw was to be the one, and I drew it," said | Church announcements. Page 31. jailer. I only wanted to stun him and get the keys, but I did not hit him hard work of the manual training scho auspices of the Council of Jewish chough and he drew his revolver. 1 grabbed his wrist and twisted it and he lied the trigger while we were fighting and shot himself. I was so excited I did not know what I did. I got the revolver and shot him again in the little room Mr. Dealey's letter. Page 22. there and then ran out the door.'

rection. He swam a big creek and slept in the woods. He told of crossing the Nesqually bridge much as the newspapers have told it.

"Did you know that you had killed the jailer?" asked one of the listeners.
"I did not know that I had," and tears

which for a moment had ceased again trickled down the prisoner's face. guard at the bridge stopped me," he con tinued, "and took off my hat and looked at my face. He said I was not the man wanted, and let me go. I went to a store there, and the owner gave me some crackers and cheese. Then I went on down the track to Tacoma. I was in Ta-coma half a day. I couldn't get anything to eat. No one would give me anything. I stopped at a farmhouse, and the man knew who I was and said they were after me. He said he would not dare to give me anything to est and told me to go away. I was all around in Tacoma on Thursday and came back to Olympia on the evening train."

"On the trucks?" he was asked. "No; on the blind baggage. I got off at the Olympia Depot and intended to give

The story of Benson's wanderings are not clear from this point. If he knows where he was, he does not choose to tell, except that he stopped in a cabin Thursday night and in the cabin in which he was captured last night.

When taken he had no shoes on, and his feet were soaking from the tramping in the snow and rain. He said time and again in repeating his story that he had had nothing to eat since Sunday before today. But this is not borne out by his previous statement that he got crackers and cheese Monday night at the Nesqually bridge. Sheriff Mills does not believe that Benson went to Tacoma. He says there were four men guarding the track and it would have been impossible for him to get by them,

Benson was unarmed when captured. When asked what he did with the revolver he took from Dave he said:

"I threw it away, over there (indicating an easterly direction); I did not want it." He met lots of people, he said, and talked to some that knew him. They advised him to return and give himself up.

Gives Up Like a Lamb.

The story of Benson's capture tonight is not a bloodthirsty tale. It had little of the elements of capture of the desperate criminal such as he is supposed to be The messenger from the woodchoppers' camp was a man named Morrison. He said their suspicion was first aroused by seeing sparks flying from the chimney of the deserted cabin. They surrounded it, and one of the men who had worked with Benson in the same camp talked with him through the window, so they were positive it was the man. Morrison came to town and left five men, named Plank, Rohr, Rose, Conklin and Burdick, standing guard. Benson made no aton demand of the Sheriff, as meekly as a

Benson is his right name, he says, and he was born in Germany 25 years ago. He has been in this country 21 years, and cannot read nor write a word, except his own name. His father, John Benson, a specific was a speci According to Benson's story he was laboring man, lives in Park Ridge, Ill., with his mother, five brothers and two to appoint a successor to Meldrum for WASHINGTON, March L-Acting under sisters. Henson talks without a trace of foreign accent. The burden of his tale verse report made by the inspector, but gress, the President has requested George with his mother, five brothers and two to appoint a successor to Meldrum for was that he did not intend to kill the jailer, although he says the jailer

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HE CAN'T BE TOLERATED

Mitchell's Illness Only Cause of Long Delay.

MANY WOULD LIKE HIS OFFICE

Successor to Be Appointed and Confirmed at Extra Session - New Postmasters for Oregon City, Eugene and Ashland.

Surveyor-General Meldrum will be re-

moved as soon as his successor is an-pointed and confirmed. This will be done at the extra session of the Sen-

Senator Fulton was informed of this intention with emphals by Secretary Hitchcock yesterday. The only reason for Meldrum's long respite was Senator Mitchell's inabil-

ity, through filness, to recommand a New Postmasters will also be apinted for Oregon City, Eugene

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash ington, March 7.—Senator Fulton this morning called on Secretary Hitchcock to make inquiry as to reports that have been printed from time to time saying it was the desire of his department to remove Surveyor-General Meldrum from office and to appoint a new man to that place. He said afterward that he was omewhat surprised at the emphatic way in which the Secretary confirmed the reports and insisted that Meldrum could not longer be tolerated. Land Commissioner Richards was equally emphatic in

insisting upon a change. Senator Fulton says he will consult with his colleague, and probably the two will

Secretary Hitchbook has been anxious the matter his attention. With the aswill now be able to act. There is as yet no intimation as to who will be recomrgended, although it is understood there are a number of candidates for the office. which pays a salary of \$3000.

Senator Fulton also intends consulting his colleague, with a view to recommending the appointment of new Postmasters at Oregon City, Eugene and Ashland, all in the First District. The terms of the present Postmasters at these places have expired. No recommendations were filed by Representative Tongue.

by Land Office.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, March 7 .- Senator Foster has requested the General Land Office to allot the State of Washington about \$75,600 in view of the great demand for land, committee to attend the funeral,

AWAIT REGULAR SESSION Democrats Notified That Senate Will Not Fill Committee Places.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The Democratic steering committee of the Senate held a session today for the purpose of considering the question of filling vacancies on the Senate committees. After the committee adjourned Senator Gorman said that the committee had been indirectly informed that it is the policy of the Republican Senators not to fill the committee vacancies during the called session, and that if this policy should be athered to, the Democratic could do nothing in that direction. He added that at any rate the Democratic managers would wait upon the

rection. He added that at any rate the Demy.cratic managers would wait upon the Republicans and would necessarily conform to their wishes in the matter.

The committee decided to recognize the propriety of Scnator Clark's appointment as a member of the committee on foreign relations to succeed Balley. It was stated that Balley himself would withdraw from the committee, and, before suggesting Clark as his successor, consuited individual members of the steering committee. The committee had Senator Clark in mind two years ago for the place, and mind two years ago for the place, and would have put him on the committee then had there been a vacancy.

Captain Barclay to Take Command

at Bremerton in June. WASHINGTON, March 7.—Captain G. F. Wilde has been detached from the Portsmouth navy-yard and made Captain of the Boston yard. Captain Thomas Berry has been detached from the lows and made Captain of the New York yard. He will be succeeded in command of the Iowa by Captain Henry B. Munsfield, who has been detached from recruiting duty at the New

York yard.

Captain Barclay's assignment to command the Puget Sound naval station will take effect June 1. He will become a Rear-Admiral soon after that date.

Captain Cook will be promoted to be an Admiral upon the retirement of Admiral Crowninshield, March 20.

Cantain Harriagton who stands No. 2 on

Crowninshield, March 20.

Captain Harrington, who stands No. 2 on the list of Captains, has been assigned to the Norfolk navy-yard, and will become an Admiral at the same time as Captain Cook.

TEMPORARY OFFICE SECURED.

Cortelyou Has Quarters and WHI
Soon Make Appointments.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Setretary
Cortelyou has secured temporary quarters
for the Department of Commerce and Labor in the Builders Exchange, 721 Thirteenth street, Northwest. The temporary
offices are not commedious but Secretary ffices are not commodious, but Secretary Cortelyou believes they will serve until a reasonably suitable building can be ob-

Important official positions have prac-tically been decided upon, but public an-nouncement of the appointments will not be made for a few days.

CONTRACT FOR ALASKA CABLE. First Long Stretch Ever Made in

WASHINGTON, March 7.—A contract to furnish the signal corps of the Army with about 1100 statute miles of submarine

Retirement of Detchemendy.

examination and inquiry by the board as to whether at the date of his resignation er said resignation should have been ac-

Applegate Will Remain.

fice to see about the bonded superinten-dency at the Klamath reservation. Both were assured that at the end of the year FOR SURVEYS IN WASHINGTON.

Poster Asks for Increased Allotment

The salary will be the same as before.

Not Ready for an Obituary.

CANTON, S. D., March 7.-Senator M. E. Rudolph, of Canton, whose death was reported at Pierre during the closing hour of the General Assembly, is not dead, but for making public land surveys during the coming year. He says the amount here-tofore allotted, about \$40,000, is insufficient, appropriate resolutions and appointed appropriate resolutions.

Passengers on Ferryboat Are Thrown.

A PANIC AMONG ITALIANS

Nineteen Bodies Are Strewn Along Hudson's Banks.

ONLY THREE ARE RECOVERED

Timid Boy Causes Panie and All Rush to One Side, Capsizing Boat on Swollen River-Bodies Lost Among Logs.

Through the capelzing of a ferryboat N. Y., yesterday, a large party of Ital-

Three hodies have been recovered. and 16 other men are missing and are aurely drowned.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., March 7,-Nine teen men are dead as a result of the capsizing of the boat used by the workmen at the Spies Falls, about ten miles west of Glens Falls, on the Hudson River. More than 1000 men are employed there at present in the construction of the power dam of the Hudson River Power ompany. The laborers and many of the nasons are Italians, who live in shantles on the north side of the river. main portion of the work is carried on at present on the opposite side of the river The men have been in the habit of cross ing a small bridge, where the river flows

Below the bridge about the work is a ferry. The hoat is a scow-shaped affair, about 30 feet long and about 13 feet wide, and is operated by means of cables. It is large enough to carry a heavily loaded team and as many as 130 men have been

aken across on it at one time When the men were being carried across yesterday an Italian boy became frightned and fell overboard. He was rescued, however.

This morning 70 or 80 men got aboard will oc of the boat, leaving a big crowd on the bank waiting for the next trip. When a few feet from shore, the water splashed gainst the fall, and the boy who had the matter his attention. With the assistance of his colleague, however, he will now he able to act. There is as yet head cabin to the stern of the boat. Some of the men started toward him and in-March 10, 1802, he was incapacitated for stantly the boat careened and filled. The active service, whether such incapacitation Hudson, swollen by the fresh rains, bore stantly the boat careened and filled. The tion was the result of service, and wheth- a score or more of the struggling men down the stream. Many others succeeded in catching hold of the boat, which had righted, and they clug there until they

WASHINGTON, Maych 7.—Representa-tive Williamson and ex-Representa-tive Moody called today at the Indian of-the current carried many of the men towere pulled ashore. ward shore, where they were rescued. Teams were quickly harnessed and loaded with skilled log-drivers and sent down the river to points where the bodies would likely be found. Dozens of dinner pails, hats and coats were fished out, but it was nearly 6 o'clock before the first body was found. This was found in a log jam two miles below the dam, and was recognized as that of an Italian inter-

The river for miles is being watched and dragged in hopes of finding the bodies of the other victims. There were but two or three English-speaking men on the boat, Mayor

ber. The rolls of the men were called, and tonight everybody has been accounted for except 15 men, and it is certain that these men were drowned. Those known to be dead are:

Michael Kennedy, married; left a wife and four children.

"Cigarette," the Italian boy who started

Fred Ferran, Italian.

Sixteen others are missing.

It is unlikely that all the bodies will be ecovered. The river is full of logs, and at the high boom, five miles down the river, there are many thousands of them.

FUNSTON CALLED BACK.

ioes to Washington to Confer Re garding Alaska Land Allotments.

DENVER, March 7 .- Brigadier-General Privertek Funston, commanding the De-partment of the Colorado, U. S. A., has received unexpected orders calling him to Washington for a conference with Assistant Secretary of War Sanger. No reason was given for the sudden summons. The General will leave today for Wash.

The General will leave today for Wash-ington, accompanied by his personal aide, Lieutenant Mitchell.

The orders caused a revolution in Gen-eral Function's arrangements. He was in-structed to assume command of the De-partment of the Columbia, embracing Washington Corona Macho and the whole partment of the Columbia, embracing Washington, Oregon, Idaho and the whole of Alaska, succeeding General Randall, who sails for the Philippines on April 1. His orders were to reach Vancouver Barracks, Wash., the department headquarters, not later than March 10, and he had arranged to leave Denver for the Pacific Const. Lodge.

General Funston declined to discuss the orieral Functon declined to discuss the new order, or to make any comment on the change in the arrangements. It is be-lieved, however, that the War Depart-ment has in view extensive plans for the handling of troops in Alaska, in connection with the impending difficulties over the Alaskan boundary question.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—It was learned tonight that the visit of General Frederick Funston to Washington has no special significance. A number of ques-tions have arisen in the department with respect to allotments of land belonging to the Government reservation in Alaska to the Government reservation in Alaska to persons and various companies desiring to do business there. As Alaska is under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Columbia, to which General Funston has been assigned, and General Funston in all likelihood will visit Alaska during the coming season, it was deemed advisable to summon him to Washington for a conference

FLOOD IN ARKANSAS. Levee Brenks and Farmers Have to

Leave Their Homes. MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 7.-The water ing a small bridge, where the river flows through an unfinished portion of the dam, but the river has been rising for several days, and the company, fearing the bridge was unsafe, destroyed it with dynamite.

Below the bridge about the work is a been pouring through an unfinished gap in the St. Francis levee for two days and the counties of Lee and Crittenden, in Arkanass, are overflowing. Reports from points south of Memphis state that many farmers and dwellers in the lowlands have left their hours with their stock.

Heavy Storms in Colorado.

TELLURIDE, Colo., March 7.-A sever snow storm has been in progress in the mountains near here for three days, ac-companied at times by terrific gales. Snowalides have occurred at different showshes have occurred at different places, but as yet no serious damage or loss of life is reported. The snowfall in this vicinity this Winter has been very heavy, and it is feared much damage to mining property and possibly loss of life will occur when the sigles begin to run with the coming of warmer weather.

Mississippi Is Overflowing. NATCHEZ, Miss., March 7 .- The Missisis one foot above the danger line. The steamer Senator Cordill, from Vicks-burg, is 12 hours overdue, having been delayed by the removal of stock and people to safety. All landing places save two here and Bayou Sara are sub-

CAN'T ENJOIN JOINTS.

Kansas Supreme Court Deals Blow at Liquor's Enemies.

merged.

TOPEKA, March 7.- The Supreme Court today decided that the clause in the Kan-sas prohibitory iaw allowing the closing injunction was valid. court held that the Hurrel law, passed two years ago, repealed; the old statute. Many of the prosecutions against joint-ists have been carried on by means of injunction proceedings.

Ingalls for Mayor of Cincinnati. CINCINNATI, March 7.-The Citizens ticket, which had been previously named by the fusion committee of Democrats and Independent Republicans, was to-night formally nominated by a mass conmittee of Democrats vention at the auditorium. The ticket is headed by M. E. Ingails as candidate for

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

President Maps Out His Movements on Coast.

WHOLE DAY IN PORTLAND

Stop at Salem and Possibly Other Oregon Cities.

WANTS NO LONG SPEECHES

Five Days Allotted to Washington and Oregon-Details of Programme to Be Arranged by Local Representatives,

The President is arranging the pro-

gramme for his Western tour He will spend a day and possibly a night in Portland, and will stop in Salem and possibly Roseburg, Albany

and Eugene. In Washington he will visit Chehalis Olympia, Tacoma, Seattle, the Bremerton navy-yard, North Yakima, Spokane and possibly Walla Walla. will spend five days in Oregon

and Washington. Details will be left to each locality to arrange, but he objects to recep-tions, banquets and set speeches.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 7 .- President Roosevelt has begun to turn his attention to his intended trip to the Pacific Coast, but has not yet arranged all details. He is disappointed that it was necessary to have an extra session of the Senate, as it will necessitate cutting down his trip son what and shortening his stay at several important points; notably in the Yellow

His only stop of any length in Oregon will be at Portland, where he expects to spend a day and possibly a night. At what other points he will stop in Oregon will depend upon the hour he crosses over from California, on his way up the If the hour is suitable, undoubtedly make a short stop at Salem and possibly at Roseburg, Albany and Eugene. If, when he reaches the Const, the President finds his time is being over-

at Salem and Portland. As he goes north from Portland, the President will follow largely the route laid out by President McKinley, going first to Chehalis, on to Olympia, then to Tacoma. He is being urged to go from Pacoma by boat to the Bre portunity to view the Sound,

After crossing the mountains, as he urns eastward, the President contemplates running to North Yakima, possibly to Walla Walla, and certainly through Spokane. His only stope of any length in Washington will be at the three principal cities. He will probably spend not more than five days in the two states.

As far as possible, President Roosevelt will leave details of his visit in the large cities to the local representatives, allowng them to lay out his programme. His only request is that he may be exempt as far as possible from tiresome receptions, banquets and set speeches. He does not care to make a campaign tour, no does he desire to be forced to listen to long speeches from local talent. As soon as the President has fixed the dates for his arrival and departure from the leading cities along his route, he will request, through his secretary, that local repre-sentatives make their plans accordingly.

FIVE PEOPLE BURNED. Horrible Fate of Family on Hunter Creek, Alaska.

SEATTLE, March 7 .- A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Dawson says: Five people were burned to death in the Aurora roadhouse on Hunker Creek at 3 o'clock Thursday morning. Charles Bernsie, who owned the house, his wife and two children and Thomas Baird, who was in charge of one of the government roadhouses, were burned to a crisp. Neighbors near the burning building were unable to enter on account of the smoke. The Bernsie family came from Portland,

Or. Baird was from Ontario, (The name of Charles Bernsle does not appear in any city directory of Portland for the past 10 years. Churies Bernsee, however, resided here in 1886. At one time he ran a restaurant on Third street, and when last listed in the directory was a cook on the steamer G. W. Shaver.)

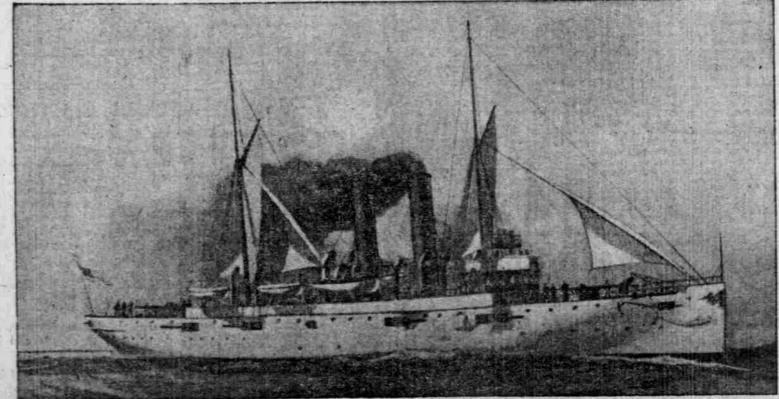
Great Haul in Gambling Raid. NEW PORK, March 5.-Fifty prisoners and an immense quantity of gambling ap-

paratus were captured tonight in raids on two gambling-houses in West Thirty-fourth street. The police forced an en-trance into both places by battering down doors with axes and sledge hammers. having previously drawn cordons around the houses to prevent the escape of any of the inmates. All the prisoners, many of whom were in evening dress, we're driven in patrol wagons to the police where most of theme were re-

Soldiers Are Coming Home.

WASHINGTON, March 7,-Adjutant-General Corbin has received a cable mes-sage from General Davis, commanding the troops in the Phillippines, saying that the transport Thomas salled from Manila of March 6 for San Francisco with Brigadier March s for San Frank D. Baldwin, Brigadier-General Morris Foote, 548 enlisted men of the Twenty-fifth, Thirty-first and Thirty-seventh Coast Artillery and Seventeenth and Fifteenth Batteries Fleid Artillery. 35 sick. Ils casuals, 2 same and 183 discharged soldiers.

NEW STEEL CRUISER CHATTANOOGA



LATEST AMERICAN WARSHIP LAUN CHED.